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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and add new claims 11-19 as follows:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (original) In a communication system providing a service to a subscriber under a wireless service plan, the wireless service plan having one or more service thresholds, a method comprising:

maintaining a subscriber database including indicia of multiple wireless units of the subscriber sharing the wireless service plan;

monitoring subscriber activity among the multiple wireless units relative to the one or more service thresholds, the subscriber activity defining a collective amount of service provided to the multiple wireless units within a billing period associated with the wireless service plan; and

billing the subscriber activity according to the wireless service plan.

11. (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

determining an active unit of the multiple wireless units;

designating the active unit in the subscriber database; and

providing service to the active unit.

12. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of determining an active unit is accomplished upon service provisioning of one of the multiple wireless units.

13. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of determining an active unit is accomplished responsive to a subscriber selection of an active unit.

14. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of determining an active unit is periodically re-accomplished responsive to one or more subscriber requests to change active units.

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15. (new) The method of claim 14, comprising:

receiving a subscriber request to change designation of the active unit of the multiple wireless units from a present active unit to a new active unit;
designating the new active unit in the subscriber database; and
providing service to the new active unit under the shared service plan.

16. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the subscriber database includes indicia of multiple wireless units of a subscriber sharing a directory number, the step of determining an active unit comprises selecting, from among the multiple communication units, a single unit designated as the active unit.

17. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of providing service to the active unit comprises:

receiving a call request to the directory number;
consulting the database to determine the active unit of the multiple wireless units; and
routing the call to the active unit.

18. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of providing service further comprises:

obtaining billing information associated with the call; and
recording the billing information in the subscriber database.

19. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of billing the subscriber activity comprises determining a cumulative amount of wireless service minutes provided to the multiple wireless units and comparing the cumulative amount to the one or more thresholds to determine a billing amount.